Sugarcane Growers in Bellary District (Payment under Sisma System).

Q.—261. Sri Ijari SIRASAPPA (Harapanahalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the steps taken by them to avoid the delay in payment to the Sugarcane growers who have supplied the cane to the factory and whose cane is not registered in Bellary District;

(*b*) why there has been a delay in the payment of the amounts due to the cane-growers under the Sisma formula by the I.S.R., Hospet;

(*c*) what measures would be adopted to avoid such delays in future ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) The Sugarcane Commissioner reviews the payments periodically and insists on prompt payments being made. It is reported that the Factory has cleared all the arrears due to the cane-growers.

(*b*) Payment on the basis of "SISMA" formula is only voluntary. The question of evolving a suitable formula for the purpose is engaging the attention of the Government of India.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*b*).

Power Supply in Pavagada Taluk (Shortage).

Q.—272. Sri Mali MARIYAPPA (Pavagada).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the acute shortage of electric power in Pavagada Taluk;

(*b*) what are the steps that Government have taken or propose to take to overcome the shortage ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) Owing to the limited capacity of the sub-station at Pavagada and the overloaded condition of the main transformers at Bangalore, it has not been possible to comply with all the requisitions for power in the area. Supply is however being made for Irrigation Pumping sets and other essential requirements.

(*b*) A new unit sub-station is proposed to be installed at Pavagada.

ECAFE Conference at Bangalore (Amount spent by Government).

Q.—284. Sri P. R. RAMAIYA (Basavanagudi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

what is the amount spent by the Mysore Government in the matter of accommodating and entertaining the Members of the ECAFE ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home).—

All the delegates were paying guests. Expenditure incurred on their entertainment comes to Rs. 9,395.

T.-Narasipur Silk Filatures (Nationalisation).

Q.—408. Sri M. LINGANNA (Nanjangud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the persistent and insistent demand from the people of Nanjangud Sub-Division to take over the T.-Narasipur Silk Filature under the complete management of the Government;

(*b*) what action they have taken in this behalf ?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government are exploring all possibilities of bringing all the branches of the Mysore Silk Filatures into working condition. The question of taking over the concern by Government is also one of the possibilities receiving the attention of Government.